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... Of UTM students  
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SPECIAL REPORT

## Don't Know Much About Government

Survey suggests  
most students  
unfamiliar with  
social studies ...

... And 90 percent  
cannot name both  
of Tennessee's  
U.S. Senators

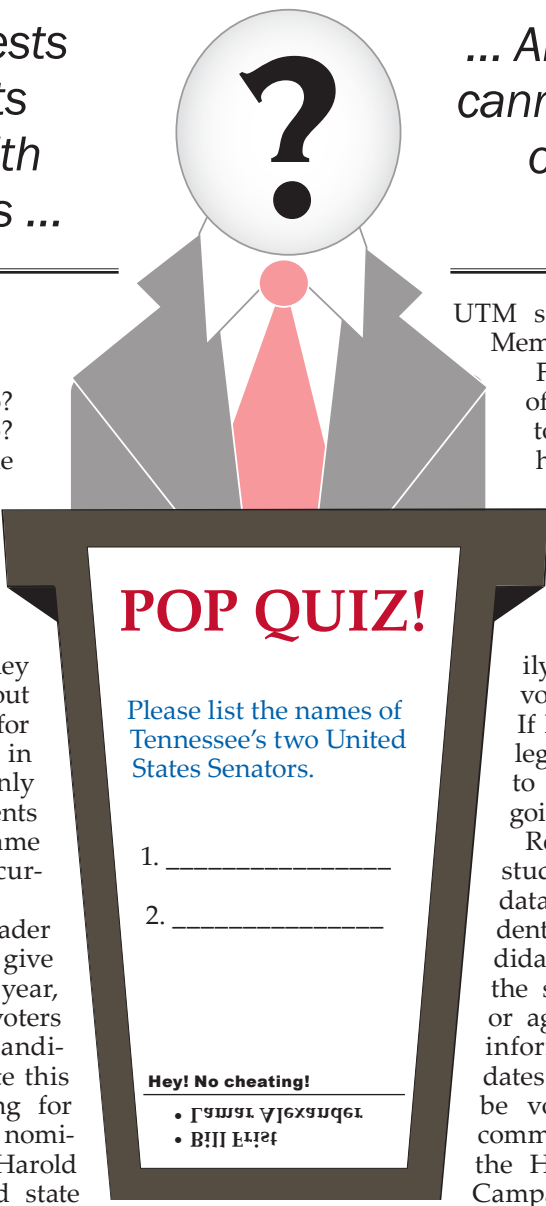
Kevin Teets  
Senior Reporter

Candidate who? Senator who? These may be the questions students are asking themselves. A recent scientific survey conducted by *The Pacer* shows that UTM students do not believe they are well informed about the 2006 candidates for the U.S. Senate race in Tennessee and that only 9.9 percent of the students at UTM are able to name both of Tennessee's current U.S. senators.

Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist (R-Tenn.) will give up his Senate seat this year, allowing Tennessee voters to choose another candidate for the U.S. Senate this November. Contending for the Democratic Party nomination are U.S. Rep. Harold Ford Jr. (D-Tenn.) and state Sen. Rosalind Kurita. Vying for the Republican Party nomination are former Reps. Van Hilleary and Ed Bryant, as well as Chattanooga mayor Bob Corker. As campaign staffs try to get votes, they may find some difficulty in engaging college students in the election.

A survey conducted by The Pacer and administered by professors in Political Science 210 and 220 courses, as well as in all of the Public Speaking (Communications 230) classes on campus, found that 48 percent of the students plan on voting in the Senate election this fall. Twenty-one percent of the students said they do not plan to vote in the election and 29 percent said they did not know if they would vote.

"I don't believe I will vote (in the U.S. Senate election) because I do not really keep up with what's going on at that level," said



GRAPHIC: Stephen Yeargin

UTM student James Knox of Memphis.

Freshman Allister Wilton of Martin said he wants to vote so that he can have the right to complain. "The president can make a lot of decisions, but the Senate has to pass all of the important bills.

I have a lot of family members who do not vote and they complain. If I vote then I will have a legitimate reason to be able to complain about what is going on," Wilton said.

Regardless of whether students are voting, survey data suggests that the students do not know the candidates. Only 8 percent of the students strongly agree or agree that they are well informed about the candidates for whom they would be voting. Carol Andrews, communications director for the Harold Ford for Senate Campaign, said that voters may have more things on their

minds right now.

"In the context of the campaign it is very early. People at this time in the year are engaged in starting off a new year, getting their kids back in school, starting back to college, digging in and doing what they need to do to make a living. They are thinking about paying their taxes. People are very busy and it's difficult to engage them in a campaign this early," Andrews said.

Students admit they do not know much about the Senate candidates, but the surveys indicate that they do not know much about their current U.S. Senators either. Of the students surveyed, only 9.91 percent of them were able to successfully name Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist and Sen. Lamar Alexander, a former Tennessee governor.

When asked to name Tennessee's two

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Administration

## Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs search underway

Nine remain from candidate  
pool of original 26 applicants

Kevin Teets  
Senior Reporter

The national search has narrowed for candidates to fill the vice chancellor of Student Affairs position at UTM. Nine of 26 original applicants remain in the running.

The search for a new vice chancellor of Student Affairs started last fall after the former vice chancellor, Katie High, resigned from her position. David Belote has been the interim vice chancellor since High's departure, making this the second time that Belote has been in the interim position. After looking at 26 applicants, the nine-person committee recently narrowed the search to nine applicants and plans on completing reference reviews this week.

Steve Vantrease, search committee member and UC director, says that experience in Student Affairs is important in selecting a new vice chancellor.

"I am looking for someone with a broad base of successful Student Affairs experience. I think they need to know about the philosophical side of attending to the needs of the students as well as the business side of dealing with large budgets and managing the services that students need," Vantrease says.

Al Hooten, search committee chair and vice chancellor of Finance and Administration says that a rather strict process has to be followed in selecting search committee members. "We need to exhibit that our search committee is diverse with gender and ethnic background being represented," Hooten says.

The search committee includes two faculty representatives (Dr. Lisa LeBleu, associate professor in the Department of Family and Consumer Sciences and Dr. Jerald Ogg, dean of the College of Humanities and Fine Arts), five staff representatives, (Al Hooten, vice chancellor for Finance and Administration; Charley Deal, director of Alumni Relations; Sandra Neel, director of Student Financial Assistance; Steve Vantrease, UC director; and Teresa Woody, Director of Minority Affairs) and two student representatives (James Orr, Student Government president

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## Consul says North American trade relations strong

Erin Young  
Staff Writer

Michael Flaherty, Consulate General of Canada in Atlanta, spoke to University of Tennessee at Martin students last week on Canada-U.S. relationships. His lecture was sponsored by the UTM Center for Global Studies and International Education. The lecture was part of a series that will focus on Canada to generate interest in the new Canadian studies minor.

Flaherty's lecture focused on Canada's "Enhanced Representation Initiative," which was created to increase Canada's presence in the US. Its objectives are to create an understanding about the Canada/US relationship, to demonstrate that Canada is a trusted security partner and to advance Canadian interests on key issues through continued and sustained discussion.

Border and management security is one of the key issues in Canada/US relationships. "Secure and efficient border crossings are the lifeline of our mutual economic growth and prosperity," said Flaherty.



Dr. Ted Mosch speaks with Michael Flaherty, Consulate General of Canada in Atlanta Wednesday, Jan. 25.

"Approximately \$1.2 billion (USD) in goods and services cross over the border every day of the year."

Defense and security partnerships is another issue. Canada and the US are partners in defending the shared continent through NORAD (North American Aerospace Defense Command). "Since WWII, we have shared resources and expertise to

create an integrated defense industrial base to sustain our armed forces," said Flaherty. "Fighting terrorism is a top priority for both Canada and the US."

"The US and Canada are part of an integrated economic market," said Flaherty. "Our annual two-way trade of \$441 billion (USD) is a vital component of the economic security

International

of both countries. Canada is the leading market for goods for 37 US states, including Tenn." He also noted that the US was Canada's largest source of foreign direct investment, at 65.1 percent and that Canada is the US's largest source of foreign investment at 43.6 percent.

"Canada has a strong fiscal framework," said Flaherty. "The last time the federal government had a deficit budget was in the 1996-97 fiscal year. Balanced budgets or better are expected for 2005-06 and the next five years."

"Canada is the US's biggest supplier of energy. In 2004, Canada's energy exports to the US were valued at \$65 billion (USD)," said Flaherty. "Canada supplies 88 percent of US natural gas imports and 17 percent of crude and refined oil products. This is more than any other country, including Venezuela and Saudi Arabia."

Flaherty also discussed issues on softwood lumber, agriculture and the joint stewardship of the environment.



Our View

Editorial: Civic ignorance hard to ignore on campus

Yes, we live in America. We have many freedoms. We have the freedom of the press. We have freedom of religion. We have the freedom to assemble. We have the freedom to petition the government for a redress of grievances. We have freedom of speech. And, all too often it seems we apparently have the freedom to be ignorant.

We are appalled by the recent survey findings that so few students at UTM were able to name their U.S. senators. After all, Tennessee is the home of the most powerful man in the Senate. If you do not know your SGA senators, oh well. It's probably not too tragic to miss out on another beauty pageant or a fireworks show. Not being able to name your U.S. senators, however is both tragic and irresponsible.

Sure, people have opinions in this country and at this university. People wave the American flag around and denounce words like terrorism and evil. People gladly take off work and school on days like President's Day and sit back and drink a cold one. Yet they seem to be missing the fundamental point of being a responsible citizen.

When the populace does not participate or inform themselves about the basics of American politics, they become terrorists themselves. Yes, we said they become terrorists. They certainly aren't killing anyone. But they are killing the idea of a democracy that is supposed to be for the people. What we have instead is a government that is run by the powerful elitists. The uninformed citizens become sheep in a herd that is blindly and naively led by the chords of their own ignorance.

This week the U.S. House of Representatives will likely pass a measure that will cut the amount of aid that students will receive. If students can't name their senators then we doubt they would be able to name their U.S. representatives. Thus, the cuts will probably pass and most students will not know about it until it comes time for them to pull more money out of their own pockets.

Some in society will always remain ignorant, but shouldn't those of us in college know what is going on around us?

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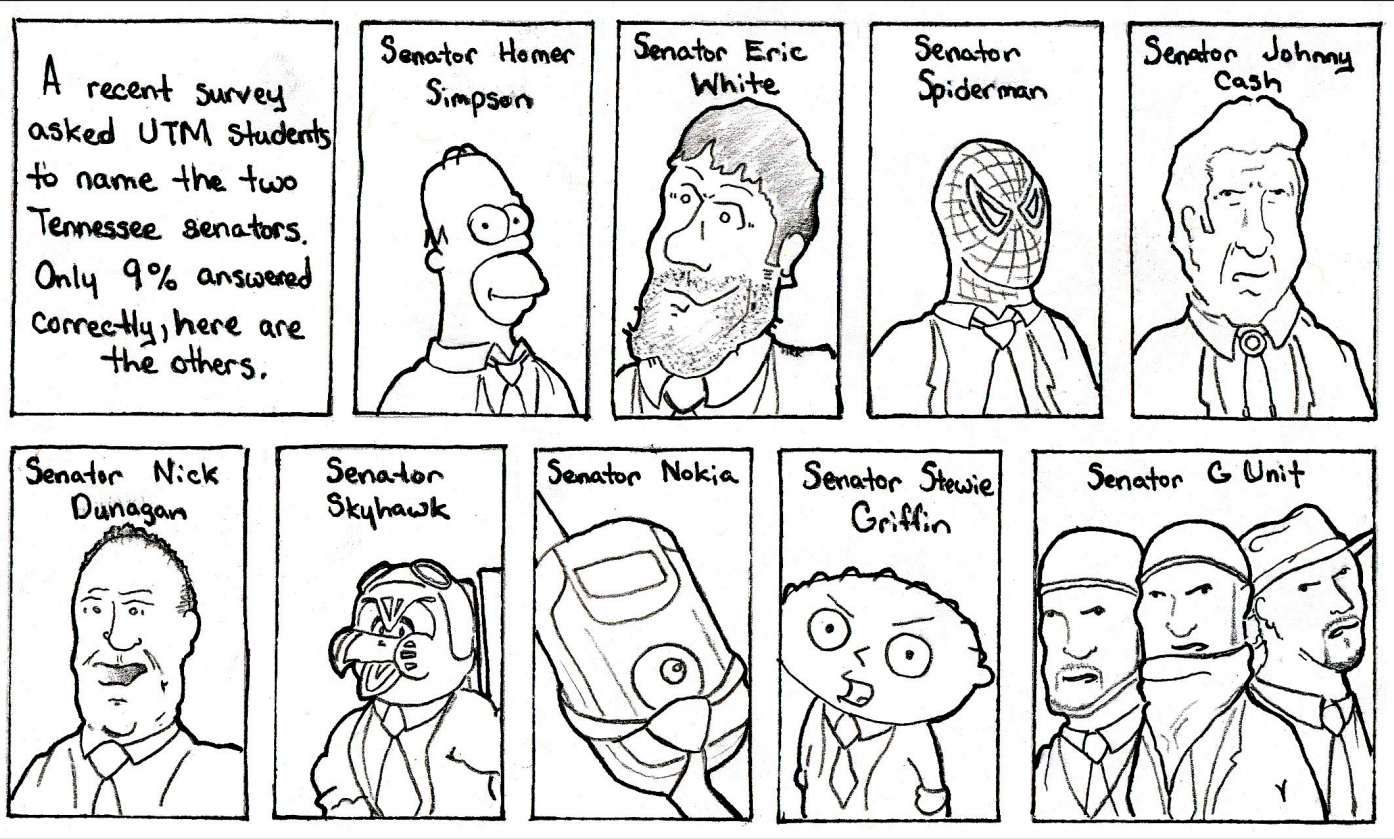
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Students are not alone on Facebook

Two weeks into the new semester and things are beginning to fall into place. Everyone is getting back into the swing of class schedules, club meetings, old friends and new professors.

Another thing that students are getting back to is Facebook. Just in case anyone on this campus doesn't know about Facebook, (which I seriously doubt), the web site has become a national craze for college and high school students.

Designed to be a directory that allows people and social groups at schools to connect and keep in touch online, anyone with an e-mail address ending in 'edu' is able to join the site and post not only their classes, interests, and photos, but also background and contact information.

As happens many times though, things designed with good intentions sometimes have negative consequences. As many students across the nation are finding out, releasing too much personal information may not only cause harm to them but also jeopardize their future.

Posting personal information online has become tremendously popular. Be-



Elaine Wilson  
Staff Columnist

cause Facebook feels like a small community limited to the campus, many students post online what in times past they would have only admitted to their closest friends. And once something is posted on the Internet, anyone, from parents to school administrators to police has access to that information.

At many universities, administrators routinely log on to check in and see what students are up to, and if they see any evidence of illegal or improper behavior, such as drug use or underage drinking, they call the police. Often, it's the police themselves who are monitoring the site. And happening more often, recruiters are signing up for an account using their alumni address and then checking on any applications from students who attended their alma mater. Needless to say, if they see anything that doesn't meet whatever their standard may be, that applicant most likely will not get the job.

Sad as it may be, nothing posted anywhere on the Internet is private. Posting things online and checking in to see what friends are up to is fun, but it might be best to keep to yourself anything that you might not want the biggest gossip and the rest of the world to know.

Once it's online, it isn't private anymore.

Quit sitting in your dorm room

As a freshman two years ago, coming from the large town of Clarksville to a small town of Martin was a culture shock and in many ways could have been a reason for me to become homesick.

In the three years that I have been at Martin, I have never once experienced boredom or homesickness. Many underclassmen here at UTM experience what is known as chronic boredom, which I believe is due to the lack of simply getting out of the dorm room.

I can't tell you how many times I have heard complaints such as, "There is nothing to do on the weekends, I'm going home," or "Martin is so boring, there is no way I want to stay here all four years."

The primary reason students, underclassmen as well as upperclassmen, experience this is because they don't take advantage of the great programs and activities that UTM offers. The best part about the things that UTM offer is that most can be accessed free.

There are great things like big name academic speakers, comedians, and bands that come in to do concerts. If sitting down for an hour of laughing or listening to an academic speaker doesn't entice you, UTM offers a wide variety of sporting events that you can attend, free of charge.

Instead of sitting in front of your television at 7:00 to watch Duke stomp all other college basketball teams, head down to the Elam Center to watch UTM and support the men and



Brandon Reed  
Guest Columnist

women that practice daily to play for our school.

If you would rather play sports than watch them, campus recreation offers numerous activities and intramural sports to participate in. If these things don't entice you, get involved in a service organization, and plug into some of the projects they are working on.

Now granted, Martin doesn't offer a shopping mall, or a great place to play putt-putt, but there is usually something to do to keep you occupied. You just have to take the time to get out of your dorm room!

Get out on campus. If you will make an effort to get involved in the things going on here, it will make for a much more enjoyable place to go to school, a packed house to cheer on our sports teams, and a great community to live in.

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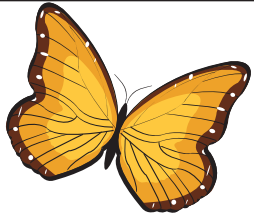
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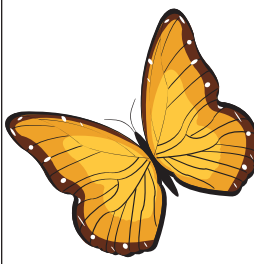
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## Office of Minority Affairs

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# Professors urge caution when using Internet encyclopedia

Sara McIntosh  
Staff Writer

With the dread of potential research papers hanging over the heads of many students this early in a semester, many could face a potential problem with an online source that is readily accessible, easy to understand and could contain personal editorials over the prospective subject to be researched.

After developing the concept or tentative subject for collecting research, the first thing most students veer towards is the Internet.

With access to information courtesy of search engines like Google or Dogpile, many students encounter a free online encyclopedia named Wikipedia as a “hit” in regards to the items for which they were seeking. Everything on the site looks legitimate: facts seem accurate, dates appear true, but little do the surf-

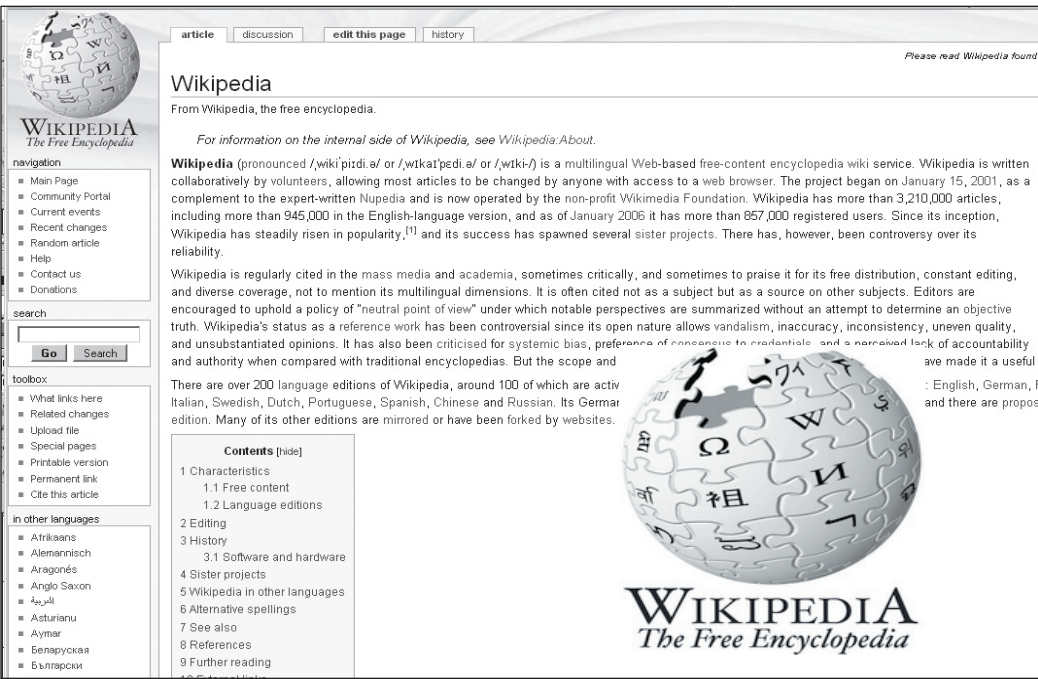
## Academics

ers know that the information they are reading may in fact lead them innocently down the path of academic dishonesty.

Upon entering Wikipedia, one can read about various topics much like you would do whenever looking up information in an Encyclopedia Britannica at your local library. The information is generalized enough to where anyone with a limited level of education can understand the topics easily. After scrolling down to the end of the topic, which are often extensive and in-depth explorations of more than 3.2 million topics, a hyperlink exists that allows anyone with some computer language savvy and an opinion to modify the information available to the masses. This little hyperlink has begun the controversy for many scholars, print media and broadcast

media because the information they cited as a general source for their information may have been inaccurate, untrue and politically influenced.

In a recent article written by Rachel Aviv of the *Village Voice*, the phenomenon of Wikipedia was put into perspective as it is the “19th-most-visited-web-site in the world” and can also boast having “more daily visitors than *The New York Times* and *USA Today* combined.” In Aviv’s article, Robert McHenry puts it all into perspective by saying that Wikipedia is very similar to a public restroom because there is no way of knowing who has used it before you. “It’s like, ‘Let’s play the encyclopedia game, kids!’ But to take the product of this game and call it an encyclopedia—that’s where the deception comes in. The project is anti-educational, anti-science, and anti-everything that I think is a



**Wikipedia, the flagship of the Wikipedia Foundation, is an online encyclopedia that anyone can edit. It is available in more than 200 languages and has over 3.2 million articles. Some have called into question the credibility of its entries.**

value,” McHenry said.

Dr. Lynn Alexander, UTM’s chair of the English department, said that “Wikipedia is a weak

source.” She says students can obtain general information from this source, much like they would with a reg-

ular encyclopedia at the library, and use it as a “starting point” for beginning to collect credible sources.

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# No hurricane money coming for UTM

Julie Langford  
Staff Writer

Tennessee schools are eligible to receive reimbursement for students displaced by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. According to the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, a student is defined as “enrolled in an elementary or secondary school,” but are Tennessee higher education institutions getting similar compensation?

Elementary and secondary schools may use their funds to pay for instructional services, curricular material, school personnel, transportation and support services.

Several of Tennessee’s higher education institutes, including UTM, UT Chattanooga, UT Memphis and UT Knoxville, took in students affected by the hurricanes.

“We were only allowed reimbursement for housing, meals, labor and equipment,” said Al Hooten, Vice Chancellor of Finance and Administration here at UTM. “We were not allowed to seek reimbursement for tuition and fees.” Hooten says that this was a FEMA rule.

“Basically, we had no Katrina students staying in on-campus housing. We enrolled several Katrina-impacted students, who lived off-campus, so we incurred only tuition and fee expenses, which were not allowable reimbursements. As a result, we did not request any reimbursement funds,” Hooten explained. UTM had seven students attending class on-campus and nineteen taking online courses.

UT Knoxville has received some reimbursement for their efforts but is still waiting on more.

“As of now, we have about \$463,000 in expenses for the 111 students that we took in for the fall semester,” said Karen Collins, Director of Media Relations at the University of Tennessee at Knoxville. “We have recouped \$200,000 of that money, primarily through federal dollars. We have now formally enrolled ten of the original students for the spring semester. They went through the regular application process since their previous institutions are now open.”

UT Chattanooga has not received any compensation so far. “We were told that we would be (reimbursed). We have not been reimbursed at this time,” said Vanessa Parks from UTC’s Bursar’s Office.

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# House to vote on student loan rate increase

Will York  
News Editor

White House-backed budget cuts could mean that college students will pay more for their educations by scaling back federal student loans.

The proposal, supported by President George W. Bush and Congressional Republican leaders, will reduce federal student loan aid by \$12.7 billion if the bill passes a vote in the House of Representatives. The legislation passed the U.S. Senate with a 51-50 vote, with Vice President Dick Cheney casting the tie-breaking vote.

The House vote could come as early as Wednesday, and with House approval, the legislation would be on track for Bush’s signature.

In addition to federal loan aid cuts, the bill locks in higher interest rates for student loans. While student loans generally have lower interest rates than other loans and include stipulations for deferred payment, the new

legislation would mean students would pay more interest for their loans.

If the legislation becomes law, student loan rates could be reset to about 6.5 percent on July 1, when interest rates are ordinarily reset. Current rates are about 5.5 percent, depending on the loan agency.

Critics of the legislation also point out that Pell grants remained capped at \$4,050 per year, while nationwide tuition costs have continued to rise.

The Campaign for America’s Future says that Tennessee students could pay up to \$1,758 more in student loan payments if the legislation is approved.

“This budget plan makes it harder for families to pay for college in Tennessee,” said Toby Chaudhuri, communications director for the Campaign for America’s Future. “This (need for a rate increase) isn’t a money problem. It’s a Republican values problem.”

But President Bush says that the legislation will not affect students. Bush says the legislation is a budget reform, not a cut.

Bush told an audience at Kansas State University Jan. 23 that the legislation seeks to cut costs and make the student loan program work more efficiently.

“We’re just making sure it works better,” Bush said. “We’re not taking people off student loans. We’re saving money in the student loan program because it’s inefficient.”

Democrats stand opposed to the cuts. Tennessee Democratic Reps. Harold Ford Jr. and John Tanner both spoke out against the resolution, saying that it is irresponsible to financially burden students for the government’s budget failures.

Tennessee Republican Rep. Zach Wamp supports the measure.

The bill is expected to pass a vote in the Republican-controlled House of Representatives.

# Senate hears updates, prepares for spring

Maggie Hodges  
Staff Writer

Senators on the Student Government Association met at 9 p.m. Thursday for the first time since Winter Break to discuss upcoming plans for the spring semester.

Freshman Council, which is administered by SGA Vice President Rachel Hammond, headlined the meeting. Hammond discussed upcoming events for the council, including an upcoming talent show and publication for incoming freshmen who wish to



participate in SGA. Mansfield invited all the senators to contribute helpful bits of information that they think would be beneficial to new freshmen.

James Orr, president of SGA, delivered his address to the body, elaborating on some of SGA’s achievements from the previous fall semester, and he gave

the senators a quick preview of what was in store for spring semester. Some of last semester’s achievements include an SGA Relations Day and a Parking Forum that SGA held for the student body. In addition, SGA spoke with over 20 student organizations last semester while also managing to undertake

and successfully approve the task of building a new recreational facility so as to better serve the students at UTM, Orr said.

Orr said one of the biggest upcoming SGA events is an interview process that is intended to more carefully consider nine different candidates for the currently-unfilled Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs position. James elaborated on the interview process by stating that all senators will be invited to come and question

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# Campus Bulletin Board

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## Phi Chi Theta

Phi Chi Theta, a national, co-ed business fraternity, will be holding Rush informatives at 12:15 p.m. tomorrow in Business Administration 203. A free pizza lunch is available. Phi Chi Theta is open to all business majors with at least 15 hours’ credit and a 2.5 GPA.

## SABER meeting

The Sexual Assault Behavior Educational Resources club, the special-interest student organization for sexual assault prevention, will host its next meeting at 6:30 Feb. 7 in UC 229.

## Talk Time

Sandy Brunner, student assistant at the English Writing Center, will lead discussions throughout the semester to help

students practice conversational skills through the Writing Center. Topics include culture, entertainment, news and grammar. Talk Time is from 4 to 5 p.m. every Monday and Wednesday in Humanities 209.

## The Wild Bunch

The UTM History Club and Dr. David Coffey’s Mexican History class will present *The Wild Bunch* at 7 p.m. Thursday in the UTM Library Media Center. There will be a discussion after the movie.

## Black History films

The Office of Minority Affairs and the BSA are hosting two movies in honor of Black History Month. The films *Imitation of Life* (1959) will be shown at 7 p.m. Feb. 7 in the Duncan Ballroom, and *The Constant Garden-*

*er* will be shown at 7 p.m. Feb. 8 in the Duncan Ballroom.

## Campus interviews

Arigold Hybrids will hold on-campus interviews Feb. 9 for summer interns and full-time sales representatives. Degrees can be in agriculture-related fields, biology, marketing or business. Tennessee State Parks is looking for seasonal interpretive rangers and will be holding interviews Feb. 15. Contact Employment Services in UC 215 for more information.

## Shuttle forum

Students and faculty are holding an open forum and informal meeting on a proposed shuttle for international students at 7 p.m. Thursday in the Watkins Auditorium. All are welcome to attend and discuss

ideas.

## Mr. Greek 2006

“Men in the Movies” is the theme of this year’s Mr. Greek, sponsored by Chi Omega. Mr. Greek will be held at 7 p.m. Feb. 7 in Watkins Auditorium. Tickets are \$5 in advance and \$6 at the door. Proceeds will go to the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

## Salsa Night

The Spanish Club will be holding their second Salsa Night from 8 to 10 p.m. Feb. 9 in the UC Ballroom. The event includes salsa instruction, Spanish food and a taste of Latin culture. All are welcome, and admission is \$1.

## Midnight basketball

The Midnight Basketball

Association meets at 10 p.m. every Friday night in the Elam Center. All are welcome.

## Psi Chi

Psi Chi, the psychology honor society, will meet at noon Thursday in the Psychology Lab. Pizza will be available for \$1 per slice.

## JARS meeting

The Japanese Animation Research Society will be meeting at 6:30 p.m. Friday in UC 229.

## Financial speaker

Speaker and comedian James Cunningham will speak at 7 p.m. tonight in the Watkins Auditorium. His lecture, “Funny Money,” uses humor to convey financial tips to students.



# State funding slated to cover \$1.5 million Fine Arts renovation

**Heather Roland**  
*Asst. News Editor*

After long-awaited funding, it looks as if the UTM Fine Arts Building will finally get a new addition, as well as a new look if all goes as planned with Governor Phil Bredesen's capital appropriations budget for the 2006-2007 fiscal year.

"It's good to finally be able to fund some of these projects that were deferred as we worked to stabilize the state's budget for the past three years," Bredesen said as he explained his plans for the budget. "These appropriations are investments for the future, in our institutions of higher learning, our treasured state parks and in our people."

The \$354.6 million capital appropriations budget is calling for a state appropriation of \$61.8 million, with the remainder in federal appropriations and state bonds.

\$13.9 million of the capital appropriation budget, along with \$1.5 million of the state appropriation budget is planning to be used for structural updates on the Fine Arts Building. However, before this project at UTM, as well as the additional projects Bredesen has planned at other universities and state parks, can take place, the legislature will have to pass his proposed budget.

According to Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration Al Hooten, the Fine Arts Building has desperately needed a renovation for over ten years.

"We've had a lot of problems with the building as far as sound and heating and cooling," Hooten said. "It needs some major renovations."

UTM Chancellor Nick Dunagan said he was pleased to hear that the governor had finally approved the university's request.

"We're appreciative to Governor Bredesen for including this important facility in his budget," Dunagan said. "This is especially good news and timely with the music accreditation team's visit this Tuesday and Wednesday to UTM. With our increased enrollment, capital projects such as this will help us to serve our students."

If UTM does receive the aid to make improvements to the Fine Arts Building, it is their goal to move the arts that are currently in Gooch to the Fine Arts Building with the help of the new addition. They are also excited to plan some renovation work to be done to the theater.

If Bredesen's budget passes, the funds for this project should be available by July of this year. However, it will probably take about a year of planning before the project would be bid. Therefore, it is anticipated



File photo  
**The Fine Arts Building is included in Tennessee Governor Phil Bredesen's budget package as eligible for a \$1.5 million capital improvement project.**

that it would be Fall 2007 before the building could be closed and construction could be started.

With the Fine Arts Building currently serving as a

deficiency for the program as determined by the accrediting agency, it is hoped by many at UTM that the legislation will pass Bredesen's budget.

*Contributions to this story were made by Senior Reporter Kevin Teets. —Ed.*

## Speaker addresses benefits, applications of practicing ‘green chemistry’



Submitted photo

**Dahlia Haynes (left) speaks with SAACS member Andy Brown at the Jan. 26 green chemistry seminar. Haynes spoke on the benefits of plastics made from a renewable resource, polylactide. Green chemistry advocates say PLA could help decrease dependence on oil.**

**Ekaterina Marchenko**  
*Staff Writer*

Dahlia Haynes, a "green chemistry" speaker from Clemson University, came to UTM Jan. 26 to discuss "The Renewable Resource Material, Polylactide, for Commodity Thermoplastic Applications." The presentation was sponsored by the UT Martin Student Affiliates of the American Chemistry Society (SAACS).

"Green chemistry" refers to chemical techniques that concentrate on renewable resources and use environmentally-friendly production methods.

Haynes' presentation concentrated on introducing a new kind of plastic, polylactide (PLA) for our everyday usage. Polylactides are biodegradable chemical compounds that are synthesized in large scale using renewable resources, as opposed to non-renewable petroleum bases.

"Polylactide is a recent development and has been in use for the last five or so years," says Haynes. As she added, PLA is one of the few needed innovations to diminish the pollution with waste and prevent the depletion of natural resources. "Petroleum is used to make most plastics. We are diminishing our oil resources at a fast rate ... Now we want to go back to the soil and water instead of being surrounded with landfills."

Dr. Airee, UTM professor of Chemistry said, "It's being pushed now as a commodity material to decrease our dependence on oil."

Basically, polylactic acid can be used as a substitute for

petroleum to produce such products as cups, plates, rigid food containers, food wrappers and bags, carpets, upholstery, awnings, wall panels, fibers and surgery sutures that do not have to be removed later since these will "dissolve" or biodegrade.

PLA was discovered in 1932, and in 1994 a low-cost production method triggered its spread in the market. Through much experimentation, PLA was synthesized based upon their utilization in a variety of applications and their properties investigated. This led to the fact that incorporation of other materials can enhance the properties of PLA improving them for a variety of applications.

"Green chemistry" advocates say there are many advantages for using PLA-made materials. Aside from being completely biodegradable, it comes from annually renewable resources like corn and sugar beets. Its production requires 20 to 50 percent less energy than that of usual plastic since it is naturally fermentable in aqueous media without the need for organic solvents or other hazardous chemicals. Finally due to its closed-loop production cycle, it barely leaves any waste.

Currently, there are ten national institutions including UTM that are active with "green chemistry," whose main goal is to design such chemical products and processes as to reduce—if not eliminate—the use and production of hazardous materials.

"Awareness has to be there," said Dr. Airee, "Green chemistry says 'don't make a mess to clean it up later.'"

Haynes' appearance was sponsored by the UTM Student Affiliates of the American Chemical Society.

## Engineering degree reaccredited

### Staff Reports

The Department of Engineering in the College of Engineering and Natural Sciences at UTM has achieved reaccreditation for its bachelor of science in engineering degree program by the recent actions of the Engineering Accreditation Commission of the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (EAC of ABET), Baltimore. The official notification of full accreditation was made in the fall.

"The continuing ABET accreditation is a testimony to the great faculty and leadership in the Department

of Engineering," said UTM Chancellor Nick Dunagan.

To achieve accreditation, engineering programs must satisfy the expectations of a wide range of quality standards relating to educational quality, interactions of faculty and students in the educational process and achievement of program outcomes in the degree program. During the accreditation process, UT Martin was visited and evaluated by an expert evaluation team with members from both academia and industry.

"The purpose of accreditation is to ensure quality in academic programs," said

Dr. Thomas Rakes, provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs. "We were fortunate to receive such a positive report."

Dr. Doug Sterrett, College of Engineering and Natural Sciences dean, added, "With the reaccreditation of the bachelor of science in engineering degree, current and future graduates are assured that they will be able to compete for positions in the regional, national and international job markets. Because they graduate from an ABET-accredited degree program, they will be eligible for professional engineering licensure in Tennessee."

### Search: Continued from Cover

and Kerry Roman). Woody and Orr are listed as the minority representatives on the search committee.

Vantrease says that the quality of applicants has "run the gamut."

"I could probably think of four (applicants) right now that I think are excellent on paper. We had some that had no business applying," Vantrease says.

Applicants who have applied for the position are not being named at this time in the search process so as to not compromise their current employment. Hooten did, however, provide information about the remaining nine candidates. *The Pacer* has been able to confirm that one of the candidates is from UTM.


Two of the applicants are from Tennessee. The others are from Alabama, Florida, South Carolina, Arkansas, Texas, Ohio and Pennsylvania. Hooten said all nine candidates have a minimum of 10 years progressive experience in a Student Affairs area. Seven candidates have a doctorate, one has a law degree and one has a master's degree with some hours toward a doctorate.

At issue among members of the search

committee has been whether the person selected for the vice chancellor position should hold a doctorate. "We spent quite a bit of time on the doctoral, non-doctoral issue. The discussion was honest and upfront," Vantrease says. Vantrease tells *The Pacer* that it is not uncommon to have people in administrative areas that are successful who do not hold a doctorate. To him, the focus should be on experience and dedication.

Student representative on the committee, James Orr, was at first reluctant to say whether he thinks the candidate should have a doctoral degree. Orr then said he did not believe it should be a requirement. "I think that if a person has the experience and they are capable to do the job and that if they will fight for students then I think it is fine that they don't have a PhD," Orr says.

The search committee is expected to narrow down the list of applicants by conducting interviews at the end of February and then make a final recommendation to Chancellor Nick Dunagan on March 10.



## Police Report

**The information contained in this report is taken directly from public records distributed by the UTM Department of Public Safety. DPS can be contacted by calling (731) 881-7777.**

<p><b>3:31 p.m., Jan. 23</b> <b>Lot 1</b> Traffic accident involving two vehicles. (Report on file)</p>	<p><b>11:32 p.m., Jan. 25</b> <b>Lot 7</b> Ms. Cayce E. Dempsey and Ms. Laura A. Bunn were referred to Student Affairs for first offense violation drinking age law.</p>
<p><b>10:05 p.m., Jan. 23</b> <b>Ellington Hall</b> Ms. LyDonna M. Williams-Mason was arrested for assault. (General Sessions Court)</p>	<p><b>10:53 a.m., Jan. 26</b> <b>University Village</b> Subject reported the theft of his bicycle. (Investigation continues)</p>
<p><b>5:27 p.m., Jan. 24</b> <b>Brehm Hall</b> Vehicle was stopped for driving on the sidewalk and grass. There was no damage. (Report on file)</p>	<p><b>9:28 p.m., Jan. 27</b> <b>Elam Center</b> Report of subject that injured ankle and was treated on the scene and transported to the hospital by EMS.</p>
<p><b>10:50 p.m. Jan. 24</b> <b>Cooper Hall</b> Report of an individual who had injured his finger and transported to the hospital.</p>	<p><b>12:04 a.m., Jan. 28</b> <b>Hurt St.</b> Mr. Eric N. Jennings and Mr. John A. Williams were cited for violation of the drinking age law. (General Sessions Court)</p>
<p><b>9:09 a.m., Jan. 25</b> <b>Lot 1</b> Report of an accident involving two vehicles. Mr. Desmond E. Bragg was issued a citation for no insurance.</p>	<p><b>5:19 p.m., Jan. 28</b> <b>University Center</b> Report of the fire alarm sounding and officer and the fire dept. responded. Determined to be a false alarm and was reset.</p>
<p><b>9:15 a.m., Jan. 25</b> <b>Cooper Hall</b> Report of a fire alarm sounding. Officer and the fire dept. responded and determined it to be a false alarm and was reset.</p>	<p><b>5:09 a.m., Jan. 30</b> <b>Ellington Hall</b> Report of a subject having a seizure. Subject was treated at the scene and transported to the hospital by EMS.</p>
<p><b>2:20 p.m., Jan. 25</b> <b>University St.</b> Mr. Thomas was issued a citation for third offense seat belt violation and no insurance.</p>	







# Big Sean gets big laughs at SAC’s “909”

Julie Langford  
Staff Writer

“Big Sean” Larkins filled Watkins Auditorium with laughter Thursday night at the second edition of SAC’s 909 Comedy Series.

Larkins’s good friend, “Honey Bunz,” performed an opening act. He referred to himself as “the one-eyed bandit” because he wore a sparkling eye patch. He has appeared on Comedy Central’s Premium Blend, BET’s Comic View and HBO’s Bad

Boys of Comedy.

Originally from Detroit, Larkins moved to Atlanta, twelve years ago and has been performing comedy for eleven.

“I have to clean up my act a little when coming to college campuses,” said Larkins. “Every school is different, so I try to adjust.”

Much of his act was spent making fun of his childhood, relationships and just growing up in general. “I try to talk about things students can relate to,” Larkins said.

Almost everyone in the auditorium could

relate to Big Sean’s jokes. “You know you’re in a small town when Jackson’s the nearest landmark!”

“I had a great time because he included the entire audience in the routine, not excluding myself,” said Amber Niblock, SAC’s Entertainment Chair.

“This is the second 909 show we’ve been to and we really enjoyed it,” said UTM students Ethan Nash and Annie Naik.

The next edition of the Comedy Series will be Monday, Feb. 6 at 9:09 in Watkins Auditorium.



MEGHAN GREEN/ The Pacer  
Big Sean Larkins gives UTM students something to laugh about.



Queen Latifah plays Georgia Byrd, a woman who is told she only has a few more weeks to live, in “Last Holiday”.

# Live as though today is your last

This is the lesson brought to heart in Queen Latifah’s “Last Holiday”

Alys Hill  
Staff Writer

What would you do if you found out that you only had a few more weeks to live? That is exactly what Georgia Byrd experienced in the movie “Last Holiday.”

Queen Latifah and LL Cool J star in the comedy that shows what one woman does in her last weeks of life.

Georgia Byrd, played by Queen Latifah, is a shy associate in a department store. She has worked in the stores cooking ware department for years. She absolutely loves cooking, and her co-worker, Sean Matthews, played by LL Cool J. While their love seems to be going nowhere, Byrd finds out that she has a disease, which causes spots on her brain, which will cause her to die.

Byrd has kept a scrapbook that she calls “Possibilities” that include places in the

world she wants to visit, people she wants to meet, and pictures of Matthews. Upon finding out that she will die soon, she cashes in all of her stocks and bonds and leaves her job to go for an upscale vacation in Europe.

While in Europe, she stays at the Grandhotel Pupp, a ritzy hotel where only the rich and famous stay. She goes on a shopping spree, gets beauty treatments and massages, and dines in the hotel’s upscale restaurant with a world famous chef.

Though Byrd is only a normal American woman, with her new wardrobe, she looks like she is rich and famous herself. She draws the attention of everyone in the hotel because of her kindness, presence and good nature, including the senator from her home state of Louisiana, the owner of the department store she once worked for and the chef of

the restaurant. Upon making her new friends, she embarks on many new adventures that will leave you laughing until you cry!

Meanwhile, back home in Louisiana, Matthews begins to wonder where Byrd is and sets out to find her.

This movie contains so many great elements of faith, love, laughter, hope, adventure and just a little sadness. Being set in the snow-covered Alps with the ancient European architecture, the setting is breathtaking! It will make you want to take an extravagant European vacation yourself!

I thought that the movie was great! It kept my constant attention and made me laugh hysterically. I never looked at my watch to find out what time it was because, honestly, I did not want the movie to end. Queen Latifah and LL Cool J presented their characters with so much heart and humor.

“Last Holiday” is rated PG-13.

## Bananas Foster, as seen in “Last Holiday”

### INGREDIENTS:

- \* 1/4 cup butter
- \* 2/3 cup dark brown sugar
- \* 3 1/2 tablespoons rum
- \* 1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- \* 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- \* 3 bananas, peeled and sliced lengthwise and crosswise
- \* 1/4 cup coarsely chopped walnuts
- \* 1 pint vanilla ice cream

### DIRECTIONS:

1. In a large, deep skillet over medium heat, melt butter. Stir in sugar, rum, vanilla and cinnamon. When mixture begins to bubble, place bananas and walnuts in pan. Cook until bananas are hot, 1 to 2 minutes. Serve at once over vanilla ice cream.

# BeanSwitch is ready for ‘06

Ekaterina Marchenko  
Staff Writer

It is spring 2006 and the Beanswitch magazine staff was back at its first regular meeting Thursday, Jan. 26 with plenty of new ideas ready to go.

“With each issue we take it a step further,” said Executive Editor Emily Anderson. “But with this issue it will be several steps ahead of the previous ones.”

With all its progress of becoming a semiannual issue instead of annual, adding some color to its cover pages and improving its paper quality, it has come a long way from what it was only three years ago.

“It used to be a stuffy, cardboard literary magazine with very little artwork and no ads,” laughed Leslie LaChance, assistant professor and magazine adviser. In 2004, Beanswitch officially became a member of the Office of Student Publications; therefore it was able to take a more modern populist approach to its content.

“Each semester the magazine is a little bit more different because students always want to try out something new,” said LaChance. “So truthfully I don’t know what to expect. They always surprise me.”

This semester it will open up to an even broader range of genre, including short non-fiction, comic strips and screen plays. Aside from those, it welcomes all the previous works of art



Observing Life, a painting by Christina Colbert, is just a sample of the talent that is showcased in the BeanSwitch

including written text: essays, poetry, short stories and visual arts – photographs, drawings, paintings, sketches, etc.

For the second meeting its members and anybody else who wishes to participate, will be making Bean pods, where students put their own or prominent verses of others on a piece of paper and decorate it with visual effects, usually magazine clippings. Afterwards they spread them all over campus to let the Beanswitch magazine be known to all.

During the semester, Beanswitch hosts several campus events, the most popular of which is the Poetry Slam. It is open to public, not just English and Art majors, where people come to admire student works of art and later listen to the talented poets of the campus. To the contrary of being thought of as a classic poetry night, Slam is as down-to-earth and open

to the popular culture as much as it can be.

At the beginning of the first Thursday Beanswitch meeting a couple of new student members came over to check it out and they were glad they did.

“I was surprised by how liberal the content was,” said junior David Hampton. “I thought it might be very literature-oriented, and I found the content was more modern. That really caught my attention.”

“It’s very informative,” said sophomore Randall Shadburn. “It shows me that the magazine is sprouting from where it was, getting much better. That makes me someone that’s not part of the magazine wants to be part of the magazine.”

Anybody interested in joining the magazine staff should contact Beanswitch Executive Editor Emily Anderson at [eminande@utm.edu](mailto:eminande@utm.edu) or Leslie LaChance at [lachance@utm.edu](mailto:lachance@utm.edu).



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UTM Department of Music hosted the Honor Choir, a two-day event that included high school students from all across the state.



# Just sit back, relax and enjoy the beautiful pictures

Even if you don't speak the language, you can still find meaning in "Dreams"

Risa Yoshimura  
Staff Writer

"YUME (Dream)" was the third Japanese film to be shown in the foreign film series at Watkins Auditorium last Friday. This film was directed by Akira Kurosawa and was nominated for a Golden Globe in 1991.

This film is a collection of eight different dreams which Kurosawa actually dreamed. Every dreams start from "Once I had a dream..."

His first dream is "Sunshine in the Rain." The main character starts out on his journey as a young child. He goes outside from his house, and it suddenly starts raining. His mother warms him that during a rainstorm on a sunny day, foxes are having their weddings.

Foxes dislike someone to see their wedding, so she warns him not to watch it. The boy is curious so he ventures out into the woods where he comes across masked humanoid foxes.

With traditional Japanese ceremonial music playing, the foxes occasionally stop to survey the area carefully. The boy hides behind a tree and stares.

Finally, the boy is found. He runs home to find his angry mother. She tells him the mad foxes demand that he commit seppuku, and she hands him a sheathed dagger. His mother does not allow him to come in, and warns him that he must beg the foxes for forgiveness. She told him that the foxes' house is under the rainbow, so he journeys to a lovely field of flowers under a beautiful rainbow.

In "The Beach Orchard," he becomes a little older. During the Dolls Festival which represents the peach trees blossoming, the boy brings rice dumplings to his sister and her friends.

He counts his sister's friends and brings the exact number of desserts but somehow one dessert is left. He again notices a strange girl but she runs through the house. He keeps following the strange girl.

The spirits of the fallen trees appear in front of him in a form of dolls displayed in his house. The sprits severely scold the boy for the destruction of the peach trees. However, he is not responsible. In fact, he is the one who protested cutting down the orchard. He had known the beauty and harmony of nature where others did not. The spirits understood his warm heart for the nature, so they show him the sight of wonderful peach trees and the windswept blossoms again.

In "The Blizzard", the grown boy and a group of men aim for their camp in the snow mountain. They struggle to survive a harsh storm as they walk up a treacherous mountain terrain.

Even though they only travel for a few hours, the daylight begins to dim, and the storm becomes heavier and heavier. Everyone except the boy begins to give up. They fall into a potentially fatal slumber, and the boy also succumbs as the snow fairy personifying the storm wraps him in sheet after sheet of warm blankets. But I struggles to survive, and he fights off death.

Finally, he manages to fend off the snow fairy, and the storm stops and the sun starts rising. The storm subsides, and he finds himself at the camp. He wakes his team up and their faces are full of joy.

In "The Tunnel", the boy continues his journey to the home of Private Noguchi's family to break the news of his tragic death at war.

When the boy reaches



A scene from the "Peach Orchard" episode of Akira Kurosawa's "Dreams"

the end of the dark tunnel guarded by a dog, he suddenly hears footsteps behind him. Private Noguchi appears and greets his commanding officer.

Noguchi does not know that he is dead. Heartbroken, the boy tells him that he is dead, but Noguchi can't accept his death and goes back into the dark tunnel.

Shortly after, the boy hears many footsteps. The footsteps belong to a group of the soldiers that the boy commanded. The group of soldiers were all dead. The boy is the only one who survived the war.

While he could blame the war, it was his own reckless ambition in the battle that led to their demise. When they finally understand their death, the boy orders them to turn and march back into the tunnel.

In "Crows", the boy is looking at a painting of Vincent Van Gogh in the museum. While he is looking at the paintings, he enters inside one of the pictures.

He arrives in Europe and inquires asks about Van Gogh. He arrives at Van Gogh's home, where he is deeply admiring a beautiful landscape. His deepness shows as he reveals to the boy the bond between nature and art.

The boy follows Van Gogh and he finally comes to a field where crows begin to scatter where the famous painter walks. The boy then returns to reality from his imagination journey.

In "Mount Fuji in Red," The boy and a mass of people escape from the explosion of Mt. Fuji. The explosion made atomic power plants explode.

The only thing the people can hope for is to run for safety near the ocean. The boy arrives at the end of the nation, and realizes he cannot see anyone because they fell into the sea below.

A former nuclear plant worker grimly explains the horrors of the visible radioactive fallout, and the preference of a quicker demise to the terrors that lie in the fatal radiation. In no time, he too leaps to his demise, as the boy attempts to wave away the fallout from a handful of survivors.

In "The Weeping Demon," the boy finds himself in a desert. Coming face to face with a single-horned man, he soon learns of the perils of war.

Huge dandelions grow on the rocky terrain, and the "demon" reveals how the horrible nuclear warhead altered the physical anatomy of the humans responsible. They had become horned demons doomed to a suffering immortality.

Then demons with several horns are revealed to the boy, writhing as night-fall burns searing misery in their horns. The single-honed demon begins to feel the pain, too. He warns the boy to escape because he will also fall victim.

The final episode is "Village of the Watermills," in the boy crosses an old bridge where a group of children oddly leave flowers on a nearby stone.

The boy journeys to the village and discovers an elderly man who reveals that the village he calls his home is appropriately called "The Village."

The elderly man, a centenarian, reveals that a simple life free of technological convenience is satisfying, but they never brought goods. They live based on the nature and many people live long, healthy lives, working hard and enjoying the fruits of their labor.

The boy asked the man about the children's tradition near the bridge, and he tells him that it honors the death of a sick stranger who arrived in that village. The villagers promptly buried him and marked that stone with flowers. It has become a custom for the villagers.

Even though they do not know the reason, they leave flowers on the stone. While he is talking with the man, he hears what sounds like a festival. Actually, it was not a festival but a funeral.

In this village, people rarely die young, the funerals are always happy, because passing is always welcome. This funeral is for a woman in her late nineties who was an elderly man's first love. He brings his ring and joins the march of the funeral. The cheers and instruments of the procession ring through the forest as the boy leaves a flower on the stone near the bridge, leaving the paradise behind.

I personally liked the beautiful pictures of the film. There are no computerized pictures. You can enjoy the beautiful Japanese traditional pictures. Even if you do not understand each story, I am sure that you can enjoy the pictures, especially the pictures in "Village of the Watermills." It made me feel as if I am actually in the village. I could feel the fresh wind and the murmur of a stream.

This "Dream" does not have much conversation so it makes it difficult to understand the story. However, in some of the episodes I could see the means of the dreams, such as "The Tunnel," "Mount Fuji in Red" and "Village of the Watermill."

I would say that, even if you do not understand the meaning of the each episode, just enjoy the pictures of the Kurosawa's world.

Did you know...	"Dreams."	year-old actor Chishu Ryu was made up to look as though he was 103 years old.	•Kurosawa entered the film industry in 1936 as an assistant director.
	•George Lucas's Industrial Light and Magic provided certain visual effects, and Spielberg served as the film's executive producer.	•Most memorable quote: "This? Yesterday I was trying to complete a self-portrait. I just couldn't get the ear right. So I cut it off and threw it away." ---Vincent Van Gough	•He made his breakthrough film "Rashomon" in 1950, which earned top prize at the Venice Film Festival.
•The movie was released on May 15, 1990.	•Ishiro Honda, the creator of Godzilla, served as a creative consultant for the film. When Honda passed away in 1993, Kurosawa delivered his eulogy.	Other movies by Akira Kurosawa Include:	•He's made two Shakespeare adaptations, "Kumonosu jo" ("Throne of Blood") in 1957 and "Ran" in 1985.
•Martin Scorsese played Vincent Van Gough in the "Crows" episode.	•"Dreams" was initially conceived with 10 episodes in mind. However, only eight were eventually shot for the finished feature. One of the unfilmed sequences involved flying and was rejected as being "unrealizable".	•"Last Man Standing"	•He was voted the 6th greatest director of all time by Entertainment Weekly, making him the only Asian on a list of 50 directors.
•"Dreams" was the first film Akira Kurosawa wrote entirely by himself. He was 80 years old at the time of filming.	•In the "Village of the Watermills", 84-	•"Yojimbo"	•He was a definite and acknowledged influence on George Lucas when Lucas was concocting "Star Wars".
•Directors Francis Ford Coppola, George Lucas and Steven Spielberg assisted Kurosawa in getting Warner Bros. to fund		•"The Magnificent Seven"	
		•"Ran"	

# SKYHAWK SPIRIT NIGHT

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# Winter Olympics: A Japanese perspective

*Student brings international insight to the upcoming games in Torino, Italy*

**Yoshiki Fujita**  
Staff Writer

The Winter Olympic Games will be held in Turin, Italy from February 10 to February 26. It is just less than 2 weeks away.

When it comes to the Olympic Games, people get real excited in Japan. From several months before Olympic Game begins, we see many different commercials about them during almost every commercial break. We are made aware that it is the Olympic season by tremendous exposure to advertisement and information.

By the time the Olympic Games begin, we definitely are interested in the Olym-

pic Games. The Olympics becomes like Super Bowl in Japan.

There is a huge difference between media devotion to the Olympic Games in America and Japan. Olympic Games are advertised very huge in Japan. Electric scoreboards say how many days to go to Olympic Games.

Posters in trains, advertisement of Olympic Games on Soda cans, and all other small little things which remind us the Olympics are everywhere. We get in Olympic mode. We are

kept informed of update information on Olympic Games and athletes

letes on TV every single day. Conditions of athletes, their activities, injury, practice scenes, interviews and basically any information on Olympic Games would be broadcast. When an athlete is expected to get a gold medal he or she is put under huge pressure from media and the nation. The athlete knows that we are paying attention.

When an athlete comes back especially as a gold medalist, he or she appears on almost every news program of every TV channel. Praise they receive is enormous. Media broadcast thousand of the same winning scenes

of athletes, and we really enjoy it. Some athletes show up in TV commercials as a representative of companies they work for.

Olympic Games sound formal and strict. The Sports industry might think Olympic Games are not the kind of sport event that most Americans enjoy as much as they do major American sports. That might be the reason they do not even advertise much.

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# Skyhawks 'fowl' out in road contest against JSU Gamecocks

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A recurring theme for the Skyhawk men's basketball team this season has been its inability to close out its opponents when it has a lead in the second half. That was the case again Saturday night as they dropped a hard-fought game on the road to Jacksonville State by a score of 85-80.

The Skyhawks were in the game until the end and saw their chances for victory slip away as JSU sank 8 of 9 free throws in the final 1:08 of the game. Zerek Knight committed a costly foul on JSU's B.J. Spencer as he launched a three-point attempt with the Gamecocks' lead down to two points. Spencer made two of three free throws to extend the Gamecock lead to 79-75.

A Jared Newson three-pointer with 27.6 seconds remaining in the game cut the lead to 81-78, but that was as close as the Skyhawks would get.

"It's the little things," said Skyhawk head coach Bret Campbell. "We had 17 turnovers, including a big one late in the game. We jumped into a shooter when the shot clock was going down.

"Zerek is one of our best defenders, but just got a

little overexcited there. We just can't seem to put ourselves in a situation where we're ahead, and we keep coming up short," Campbell said.

Newson led the Skyhawks with 19 points, while Jeremy Kelly added 16 points. Will Lewis posted his first double-double of the season with 11 points and 10 rebounds.

The Skyhawks attacked the offensive glass aggressively in the early stages of the game. McKale Jones had two baskets as a result of offensive rebounds as the Skyhawks led for most of the first nine minutes of the game.

The Gamecocks took advantage of a rare five-point play to claim a 21-17 lead with 10:14 remaining in the first half. The Skyhawks' Jason Thompson was whistled for a foul away from the ball as Spencer connected on a three-pointer.

The Gamecocks got the ball out-of-bounds and the new possession resulted in a Courtney Bradley lay-up. The unusual sequence of events shifted the momentum to the Gamecocks for the remainder of the half.

The Skyhawks made 12-of-16 free throws in the first half and out-rebounded the Gamecocks, 21-18, but still trailed, 44-38, at the half.

The second half opened with a Skyhawk run as they took advantage of every possession and heated up from the perimeter. McClenon Tolliver hit a pair of three-pointers to key the run, including the game-tying shot with 12:37 remaining in the game. Kelly followed that with a three of his own to put the Skyhawks ahead, 56-53.

The lead was short-lived, however, as the Gamecocks put together a 7-0 run of their own to regain the lead at 62-59 barely three minutes later.

After falling behind by as many as seven points, the Skyhawks, true to their resilient nature, rallied to within one point when Knight made a lay-up with 6:16 remaining in the game.

A series of turnovers by both teams kept the margin about the same for several minutes. During that stretch, the Skyhawks were unable to capitalize on several opportunities to claim the lead.

A lay-up by Kelly made the score 74-73 with 2:41 left to play. Knight's foul, as harmful as it was, still did not sink the Skyhawks.

Although the Gamecocks extended their lead to six points with only 34 seconds remaining, the game was

still not out of reach for the Skyhawks. They remained aggressive on defense, which enabled Newson to make his three-pointer.

The Skyhawks shot well from the floor in the loss, making 57 percent of their attempts in the second half and 51 percent for the game. They finished the game with 37 rebounds to the Gamecocks' 33, including 14 offensive rebounds.

"Our guys' effort is there. Sometimes our decision-making isn't quite there," Campbell said. "In the second half, our shot selection wasn't great and we gave them too many free throws."

The Gamecocks attempted 19 free throws in the second half, knocking down 15 of them. The two teams combined for 42 fouls and 54 attempted free throws.

The loss dropped the Skyhawks' record to 7-12 overall, including 4-9 in OVC play. It was their fourth consecutive loss.

The team returned home for a game against Eastern Kentucky on Monday night. Their next contest will be at 8 p.m. Thursday in the Elam Center when the Skyhawks take on Tennessee Tech. The game will be televised on ESPN, a new ESPN network devoted to college sports.



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**Junior center McKale Jones guards the Jacksonville State defender in Saturday's road loss in Jacksonville, Ala. The Skyhawks are on a downward skid as this loss marked their fourth straight and their eight consecutive game on the road.**

# Skyhawk women drop conference contest to 'Cocks on road

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The Skyhawk women lost a disappointing conference game at Jacksonville State Saturday, 84-55.

The Skyhawks struggled from the beginning. There was evidence that they would have a long night as the shot 39 percent from the field despite the fact that most of their shots came from 10-foot jumpers and lay-ups.

Things started out with the Skyhawks keeping pace with the Gamecocks, actually having a 6-5 lead at around three minutes into the game. But three consecutive 3-pointers by JSU allowed the 'Cocks to pull ahead.

Jacksonville State held a commanding 30-17 lead over UTM at the 8:37 mark in the first half and never let go.

The closest that the Skyhawks would be able to come to JSU would be six off a 3-pointer by junior Kimberly Cox with 3:43 left before the break.

The UTM women headed to the locker room down by 13 again.

Junior Deina Willingham paced the Skyhawks with 12 of her team high 14 points coming in the half.

The only stat that the Skyhawks led in the first half was second-chance points, with nine to the Gamecocks four.

Things didn't fair much better for the Skyhawks in the last half as JSU

lit up the scoreboard.

With just over five minutes ticked off the clock, the Gamecocks had increased their lead to 23 over the Skyhawks.

Despite shooting 60 percent from beyond the arc on the game, the Skyhawks weren't able to make any attempt at a comeback.

The Gamecocks pulled down five three-pointers in the second half to help them keep out in front.

With 3:42 left, JSU had their biggest lead of the game, 82-47, over UTM.

The Skyhawks scored seven points over the last minutes of the half, but the damage was done and JSU picked up the victory, 84-55.

Kimberly Cox was the only other Skyhawk in double digits with 10 points.

Despite failing to score double digits for the first time all season, junior Andreika Jackson dominated the boards and grabbed a season high 15 rebounds.

Behind Jackson in rebounds was sophomore Crystal Fuller with seven. Overall, the Skyhawks out-rebounded JSU, 40-31.

The Gamecocks had five players finish in double digits in points, including four starters. Rebecca Haynes and Ashley Boykin led Jacksonville State 21 points and 18 points, respectively.

From the field, the Skyhawks managed to shoot just over 35 percent to the Gamecocks' 51.

With the loss the Skyhawk women fell to 3-8 in Ohio Valley Conference play and 5-13 overall. Jacksonville State improved to 4-8 in the conference standings and 6-13 overall.

The Skyhawks come home this week and will face Tennessee Tech on Thursday night. Tip-off time is set for 5:30 p.m.

They will then travel to face the Redhawks of Southeast Missouri State on Saturday at 5:30 in Cape Girardeau.

— The Pacer Sports Staff  
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## Upcoming Conference Games

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2/4	@ SEMO	w/m
2/9	vs. TSU	w/m
2/11	vs. EIU	w/m
2/13	@ MOR	w
2/1	@ TTU	w/m
2/1	vs. SEMO	w
2/25	@ MSU	w/m

(w/m: women/men double header)

(w: women only)



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**Senior Keva Robinson looks for an open Skyhawk to give the ball during Saturday night's 84-55 loss.**



# Women soar, men struggle in Nashville in tennis openers

## UTM Sports Information

The Skyhawk women's tennis team won a close match, 4-3, Saturday over host Lipscomb University in Nashville.

The match required some strong singles play at the top of the lineup from Katrina Domela, Sara Leavy, Jeanne DeWet, and Ernestine Koor-nof. Having lost the doubles point the team needed to get four wins at singles and these four got it done.

"Lipscomb has a solid team this year and if our girls had not played well we could have easily lost this match," said Dennis Taylor, the Skyhawks' head tennis coach.

Another factor for the close match could have

been that the girls were missing two of their top six players, Amber Garza and Elizma Schoonees.

"The match should not have been this tough but with Elizma and Amber out, the match was way too close for me," Taylor said.

The men's tennis team lost its spring opener to host Vanderbilt, 7-0, Friday.

The Skyhawks were missing one of their top players, senior Adolfo Anzola, who was out with an ankle injury.

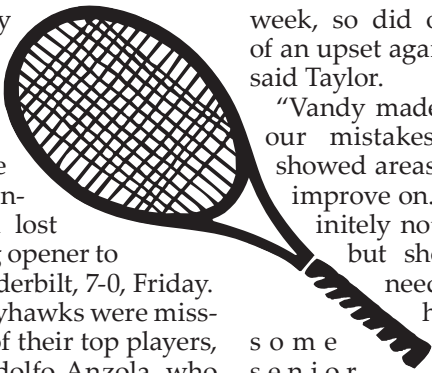
"The loss of Adolfo Anzola was too much for us

to overcome against a team like Vanderbilt," said Taylor.

"We have a strong team this year, and I felt we had a good chance for a win, but when Adolfo went down with an ankle injury last week, so did our chances of an upset against Vandy," said Taylor.

"Vandy made us pay for our mistakes and also showed areas we need to improve on. This is definitely not a set back, but shows us we need to work harder on some areas," said senior, Danny McGuire.

The men will play at 6 p.m, Friday, Feb. 3, against Lipscomb in Nashville.



# Skyhawks make ESPN debut against Tennessee Tech

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Thursday's game against Tennessee Tech will be the first of two Skyhawk games to be televised by the ESPN family of networks. In addition to Thursday's game, the Skyhawks will travel to play an opponent yet to be determined on February 18 as part of ESPN's Bracket Buster Saturday. As part of the agreement, host teams in the event will visit their opponents during the 2006-07 season.

Thursday's game will be the first-ever live national broadcast from the Elam



Center. The Skyhawks made one appearance on national television last season, dropping their season opener to

Duke, 88-46.

The Skyhawks will try to record their second straight win over the Golden Eagles. Last year, they rallied from a ten-point halftime deficit to steal a 59-56 win at the Elam Center in the teams' only meeting of the season. The two teams will meet for a second time this season at 7:30 p.m. on February 16 in Cookeville.

The first 500 fans to arrive to the game wearing orange and blue will receive a free Skyhawks Spirit towel.

The men's game will tip-off at 8:30 p.m.

# Men, women's basketball fall to Samford to extend conference road losing streaks

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The Skyhawks men fell to conference opponent Samford on Thursday at Siebert Hall in Birmingham, Alabama.

With the win, Samford improves to 9-2 in Ohio Valley Conference play and an overall record of 13-5. The Skyhawks fell to 4-8 in the OVC and 7-11 overall.

UTM trailed Samford early but cut the deficit to one point after a lay-up by Junior Forward Cleve Woodfork at the 12:27 mark in the first half. Samford

responded with a 23-9 run to close out the first half before the Skyhawks' Jared Newson found McClenon Tolliver open for his only 3-pointer of the night, cutting Samford's lead to 33-21 at the half.

Samford forward Robert Merrit was almost unstoppable as he scored 18 of his game high 25 points in the first half.

UTM began the second half trading baskets and playing even with Samford through the 14:50 mark. Less than three minutes later the Skyhawks found themselves down as many

as 18 points. Senior guard Jeremy Kelly, who had 13 of his team high 16 points in the second half, sparked a run with a 3-point basket with 6:29 left to play. The Skyhawks used a 15-4 run late in the second half and capped it off with a Will Lewis lay-up at the 2:37 mark to tie the game at 59. Samford responded with an 8-1 run of its own to finish the game with a 67-60 victory over UTM.

Jared Newson chipped in with 15 points and three steals, while Will Lewis added 10 points and nine rebounds.

Second-year head coach Tara Tansil might have experienced déjà vu Thursday afternoon here at Siebert Hall as her Skyhawk women fell victim to Samford's three-point shooters.

Samford (14-4/9-2 OVC) hit 6-of-13 treys in the game and handed the Skyhawk women a 59-50 Ohio Valley Conference setback, the Skyhawks fifth consecutive loss.

Samford's Chelsea Insell did most of the long-range damage. She hit two of her four treys in the first half

and led Samford with 14 points. Samford, much like it did earlier this month in Martin, built a large first-half lead, 33-20.

And in the second half, the Skyhawks rallied. The Skyhawks cut the Samford lead to six points, 44-38, when junior Andreika Jackson muscled her way through the lane for a lay-up with 7:02 to play in the game. Sophomore Crystal Fuller was credited with the assist.

Jackson and Fuller led the Skyhawks with 15 points each.

Samford answered back

this time. With 5:28 left in the game, Insell drained a three-pointer from near-mid court at the end of the 30-second shot clock. The long trey gave Samford a 50-40 advantage.

Samford shot 46 percent from three-point range and 44 percent from the field. The Skyhawks shot 44 percent from the field and 20 percent from three-point range.

Earlier this month Samford built a big first-half lead against the Skyhawks, but the Skyhawks stormed back for a 58-50 win.

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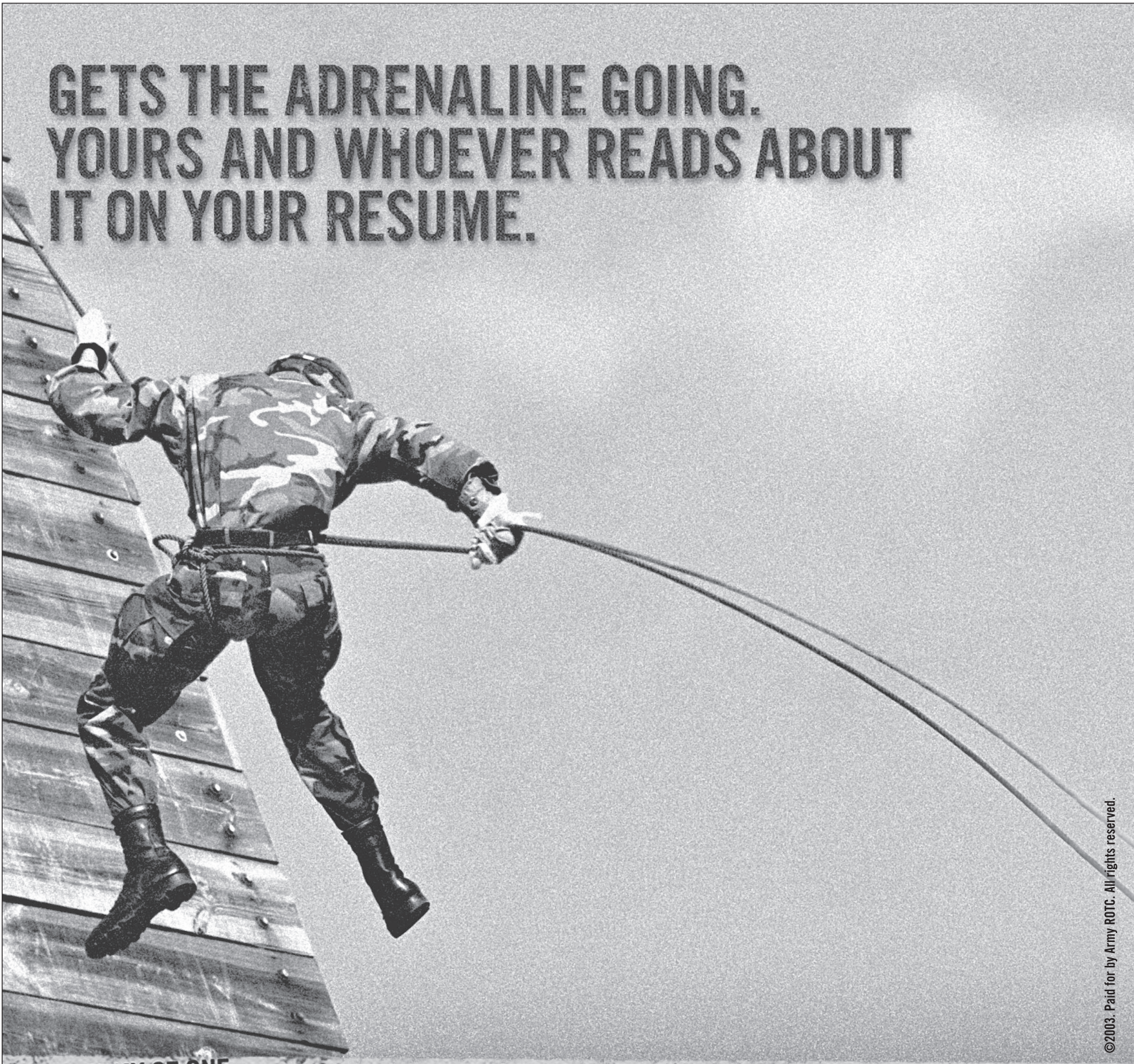
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